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### **M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M**

**TO: County Directors of Human Resources  
Child Placing Agencies Providing Therapeutic Foster Care Services**

**FROM: Page B. Walley, Ph. D.  
Commissioner**

**SUBJECT: FY '06 Contracts for Therapeutic Foster Care**

**DATE: June 28, 2005**

We at DHR are very sensitive to the concerns related to the possible disruption of some children placed in Therapeutic Foster Care as a result of implementing the providers selected through the RFP process effective October 1, 2005. The Department wants to reassure all concerned parties that no child will be moved from their current placement without a thorough assessment of their needs and thoughtful planning through the Individualized Service Planning process.

Effective October 1, 2005, TFC programs currently serving children through placement by the Department will continue to serve the same children by a new contract effective for FY '06 and/or an attrition contract for FY '06. The use of the attrition contract will minimize placement disruptions and promote smoother transitions toward permanence for those children in programs which were not selected or those programs which will have a reduction in the number of children they are able to serve. Work groups have been established to operationalize this plan, and more information will be forthcoming regarding the specifics and timeframes.

By August 15, 2005, the Department will post on the website the results of the licensing process for new providers. Should any provider not be able to meet the July 31, 2005 requirement for licensure, the number of slots awarded to them through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process will be allocated to other providers who are able to meet the need in each region. In the event that providers are unable to meet the level of commitment described in their proposal by October 1, 2005 further redistribution may be necessary.

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During this process, the Department continues to discourage TFC agencies from recruiting or soliciting foster parents from another agency. This activity is contrary to DHR policy and will not be tolerated. Should providers have problems with this type of activity, they should contact Gary Mitchell or Susan Ward in the Office of Resource Management at 334.242.1650 for assistance.

Should there be any questions regarding this memorandum, please address them to Gary Mitchell or Susan Ward at the above telephone number.

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